

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
generating a preferred list of edge sites from a plurality of edge sites upon
receiving a media content request from a client;
providing the preferred list to the client;
requesting the media content by accessing a first edge site from the preferred list;
providing the media content from the first edge site to the client;
monitoring the providing of the media content from the first edge site to the client
for disturbance;
requesting the media content by accessing a second edge site from the preferred
list when encountering the disturbance; and
providing an uninterrupted stream of the media content from the second edge site
to the client.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the client comprises a viewer.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the client comprises a listener.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the generating the preferred list is
performed by a data center, based on a predetermined criteria.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the providing the preferred list to the
client is performed by the data center.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the requesting the media
content is performed by an Intelligent Media Accessor (IMA).
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the Intelligent Media
Accesser IMA comprises software running on the client.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the monitoring the providing of the media content is performed by the ~~Intelligent Media Accessor~~ IMA.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the disturbance comprises interruption in streaming of the media content.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the disturbance comprises providing lower than acceptable quality of the media content.
11. (Currently Amended) A method of servicing a media request comprising: receiving the media request for media content from a client; generating a preferred list of edge sites from a plurality of edge sites; and forwarding the preferred list of edge sites to the client; receiving media content from a first site in the plurality of preferred sites, wherein the first site encounters a disturbance; and in response to the disturbance, receiving an uninterrupted stream of the media content from a second site in the plurality of preferred sites.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the generating of the preferred list of edge sites is based on a predetermined criteria.
13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the predetermined criteria may include availability of the media content, geographical proximity of the plurality of edge sites, network availability, and quality level of the media content.
14. (Currently Amended) A method of requesting and receiving media content comprising: requesting the media content; receiving a preferred list of edge sites containing the media content;

requesting the media content by accessing a first edge site from the preferred list, wherein the first edge site providing the media content; monitoring the providing of the media content from the first edge sites for disturbance; and requesting the media content by accessing a second edge site from the preferred list when encountering the disturbance; and providing an uninterrupted stream of the media content from the second edge site.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising: generating the preferred list of edge sites from a plurality of edge sites, based on a predetermined criteria, wherein the predetermined criteria may include availability of the media content, geographical proximity of the plurality of edge sites, network availability, and quality level of the media content.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the disturbance comprises interruption in streaming of the media content and lower than acceptable quality-level of the media content.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of receiving media content comprising: receiving a preferred list of edge sites containing the media content; requesting the media content by accessing a first edge site from the preferred list; monitoring disturbance in relation to the first edge site; and requesting the media content by accessing a second edge site from the preferred list when encountering the disturbance; and receiving an uninterrupted stream of the media content from the second edge site.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the monitoring the disturbance comprising monitoring for interruption in streaming of the media content.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the monitoring the disturbance comprising monitoring for quality-level of the media content.
20. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a data center for generating a preferred list of edge sites from a plurality of edge sites, based on a predetermined criteria, upon receiving a request for media content from a media player, wherein the media player for requesting requests the media content; and
an Intelligent Media Accessor (IMA), integrated with the media player, wherein the Intelligent Media Accessor IMA receiving receives the preferred list of edge sites containing the media content from the data center, requesting requests the media content by accessing a first edge site on the preferred list, monitoring monitors disturbance in relation to the first edge site, and requesting requests the media content by accessing a second edge site on the preferred list when encountering the disturbance, and provides an uninterrupted stream of the media content from the second edge site.
21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the data center comprising a main repository of the media content.
22. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the data center comprising a table indicating the media content of edges sites on the preferred list of edge sites.
23. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the edges sites on the preferred list of edge sites comprising a subset of the media content of the main repository.

24. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon data representing sets of instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to:

generate a preferred list of edge sites from a plurality of edge sites upon receiving a media content request from a client;

provide the preferred list to the client;

request the media content by accessing a first edge site from the preferred list;

provide the media content from the first edge site to the client;

monitor the providing of the media content from the first edge site to the client for disturbance;

request the media content by accessing a second edge site from the preferred list when encountering the disturbance; and

provide an uninterrupted stream of the media content from the second edge site to the client.

25. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the generating the preferred list is performed by a data center, based on a predetermined criteria comprising availability of the media content, geographical proximity of the plurality of edge sites, network availability, and quality-level of the media content.

26. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the providing the preferred list to the client is performed by the data center comprising a main repository of the media content and a table indicating the media content of edge sites on the preferred list of edge sites.

27. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the requesting the media content is performed by an Intelligent Media Accessor (IMA).
28. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 27, wherein the ~~Intelligent Media Accessor~~ IMA comprises software running on the client.
29. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the disturbance comprises interruption in streaming of the media content.
30. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the disturbance comprises lower than acceptable quality-level of the media content.